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Memorandum

TO : Director of Training
THRU : Chief, Operations School, OTR

DATE: 14 November 1962

FROM : Chief, Training Assistance Staff, Operations School

SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report #40
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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS:

None to report.

B. OTHER ITEMS:

1. REVIEW AND DISTRIBUTION OF TRAINING FILMS:

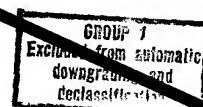
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[REDACTED] to be sure that Marc knew about the films which we had previewed on 5 November. Marc was already familiar with The Middle East. It was LAS which had originated the request to OCR/Graphics and we acquired it as a by-product of their initiative. Marc was happy to learn about Watch on The Mekong which we strongly recommended he see.

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We think it might be useful to set down for the record the mechanics of the system which provides the various components of OTR, with the exception of LAS, with film information. OTR is handled by one member of the OCR/Graphics staff. When a film which appears to be of interest to OTR, other than LAS, is acquired, [REDACTED] of the OTR Film Branch is notified. He in turn alerts the OTR component which would be most intimately concerned and sets up a screening appointment. Inasmuch as Harold is relatively new at his job, he has followed the practice of checking with this office for guidance. We accept his brief resume of the content of the film, confirm his selection of customers, suggest other interested customers or if the film seems to merit particular attention request a pre-view. [REDACTED] is, of course, a regular customer and gets distribution of those films which we recommend as most useful to its training mission.

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When OTR has a need to acquire a film in a particular category it has the advantage of being able to assess what films are available via the IBM card file maintained in the OTR Film Branch. This file consists of thermo-faxed copies of the OCR/Graphics control cards supplied to OTR on a periodic basis, usually about every three or four months. Their immediate accessibility is a great time saver in our function of providing film guidance to desk officers of the Clandestine Services. In addition, TAS maintains its own modest file of training films, especially those concerned with basic tradecraft.

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LAS is serviced separately and directly by the same person on the OCR/Graphics staff. This has proved to be efficient because of the physical location of LAS and because that school has a continuing need for specialized training films. Occasionally a film, judged by Graphics as being primarily of operational interest, has area overtones of possible interest to LAS. When this has happened in the past we have used our long standing liaison with [REDACTED] to bring it to his attention informally. When Marc has seen a film which he thinks would be of value to the Operations School he advises us. He did just this in our recent conversation and recommended that we pre-view the film Karma, which is reportedly a realistic survey of India and her people. In view of the bubbling situation there we have arranged to see it this week.

Marc also told us of LAS's participation in monthly round table meetings with other agencies, the purpose of which is to review and discuss training materials of common value in the field of language and area orientation. He told us that CIA is way ahead of the other agencies in keeping up to date. The group meets at Arlington Towers in December and Marc was kind enough to invite us to send an observer. We think it would be useful to know more about how this exchange of knowledge works and would like to accept the invitation. The meeting is scheduled for 6 December.

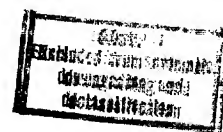
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2. SUPPORT TO [REDACTED] STATION:

Late Friday afternoon [REDACTED] reported that it would take OCR/Graphics several weeks to procure the Army training films which we had recommended to go along with

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Army training manuals on the same subjects. These films are considered out-of-date by the Army and had been retired to archives. After talking with C/OS I called "Pop" and asked if [REDACTED] had the films and, if so, could NE Division borrow them. Pop called back to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had only one--on [REDACTED]--and was glad to lend it. It arrived in Headquarters yesterday and will be reviewed today by [REDACTED] and others from [REDACTED] as well as by [REDACTED] of NE Division.

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3. [REDACTED] LANGUAGE TRAINING:

Friday, 9 November, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] case officer on [REDACTED] called to say that he had received a dispatch requesting that a "language expert be made available for a two-week TDY" [REDACTED] during the period 1 through 15 December [REDACTED] 15974, 17 October) I explained to Steve that such requests should be directed to the DTR, but suggested he first ascertain whether his division would approve sending someone. I also pointed out that the cost of the trip would have to be borne by FE. Steve decided to retreat and regroup and call me back. Meanwhile I informed DTR and, at his request, advised C/LAS. On Tuesday, 13 November, Steve called to advise that FE Division had decided not to submit the request to the DTR, because the project was already "overspent."

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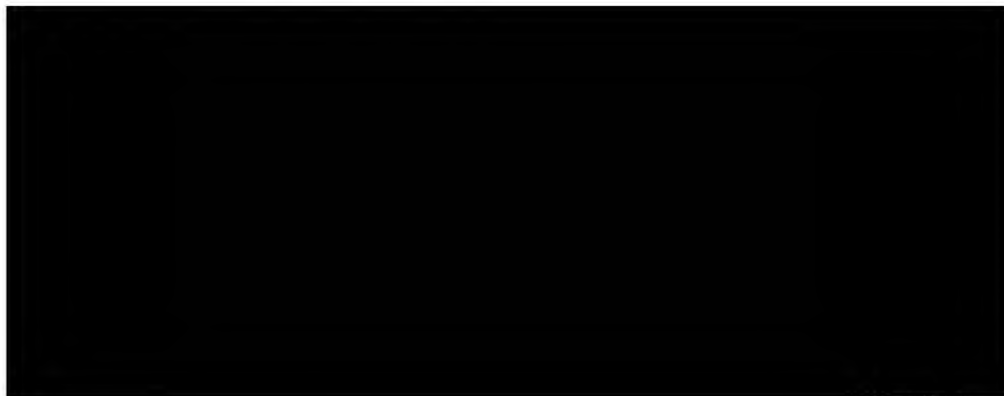
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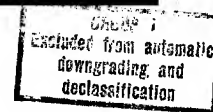
It appears that another language training program for [REDACTED] has been under consideration, but according to [REDACTED] it is unconnected with the Station request. [REDACTED] discussed with [REDACTED] the possibility of [REDACTED] ing selected members of the [REDACTED] group to the U.S. for language training but such discussions are still in the exploratory stage.

4. MATERIALS FOR CENTRAL AFRICA:

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